

# HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS

## DODGE CAMPUS HOUSING UPDATES





# UNIVERSITY HOUSING

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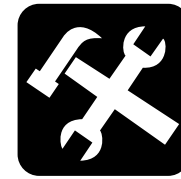
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# ROOM RENEWAL/ROOM SELECTION PROCESS

Thank you for living on the UNO campus. We hope that you choose to live here next year. Students that would like to return to university housing for the 2015-2016 school year, must complete the necessary steps. You have the following options available. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail [unohousing@unomaha.edu](mailto:unohousing@unomaha.edu).

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## 1. MOVE TO A DIFFERENT VILLAGE

You can do this by logging into your MavLINK account now, and completing the application for next year. This requires a new \$260 deposit that is paid online when the application is submitted. Applications without the deposit will not be processed. The deadline to apply is Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Students applying after this date will not be given preference and will be placed with ALL incoming student applications.

## 2. MOVE TO A DIFFERENT ROOM IN YOUR CURRENT VILLAGE

You can do this by attending the Room Selection Night. Free pizza & soda will be provided:

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

8 pm–10 pm | MV Clubhouse

Please check your email on a regular basis. More information will be distributed in the next couple of weeks.

## 3. RENEW YOUR CURRENT SPACE

You can do this by attending one of two Room Renewal Nights; you may attend either night regardless of where you currently live. Free pizza & soda will be provided:

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

8 pm–10 pm | MV Clubhouse

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

8 pm–10 pm | UV Clubhouse

### Unable to make it?

If a student cannot attend one of the renewal nights, they can log into their MavLINK account and renew their space online any time between Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>-Feb.13<sup>th</sup>. More directions will follow.

## CURRENTLY LIVING IN A LEARNING COMMUNITY?

If you live in one of the following buildings/rooms mentioned below, and do not wish to be part of the designated learning community, you will NOT be able to renew your current room. Buildings/rooms include the following:

Thompson Learning Community:  
UV Building 1 and MV Building V

Wellness Learning Community:  
MV Building A

Global Learning Community:  
UV Building 4 (low)

Service Learning Community:  
UV Building 5 (low)

Honors Community:  
MV Building M (apt 102, apt 104, second floor, apt 302, and apt 304)

If you want to return to housing, you must attend the Special Room Selection Night. Free pizza & soda will be provided

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

8 pm–10 pm | UV Clubhouse

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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# ISAAC HOLT

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Year: Sophomore

Major: Foreign Languages, Spanish

Village: Maverick Village

Ultimate post-college career goal: Stop human trafficking

Building: A

Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO

## **Why did you choose to come to UNO?**

Isaac is a student athlete on the UNO baseball team (position: middle infield). He was looking at a few different schools before he decided to come to UNO. Isaac ultimately chose to come to UNO because of “the coaches, their beliefs, and how the each of the players are treated.” Isaac says the coaches not only care about students as athletes and their performance on the field but they also are invested in the whole person.

## **What does being a UNO Maverick mean to you?**

For Isaac, being a Maverick takes on a unique meaning by being a student athlete. Isaac feels blessed to be a student athlete as he believes it provides many avenues for him to have a positive influence on others and in the community. Isaac notes, “If I were not an athlete, I would not have the same opportunities to make a difference. I feel very blessed.”

## **Who has had the biggest influence on your college career so far?**

“My teammates. They not only provide me advice about baseball, but about academics and life.”

## **Other than class, how do you spend your time here at UNO?**

Isaac met a pastor from the Omaha community at an event on campus. A short time later, the pastor reached out to Isaac and let him know there was a young boy named Parker fighting a rare form of cancer at Children’s Hospital. Parker is a baseball fan. Isaac, along with two other student athletes from the baseball team, were able to dress up in their uniforms and bring a signed baseball, bat, and batting gloves to Parker in the hospital. Since then, Isaac and at least six of Isaac’s teammates have been able to visit Parker at various times in the hospital.

Isaac finds his time with Parker to be very fulfilling. “I connect with people who think they have been counted out,” Isaac shares. Being short has created some challenges for Isaac in his baseball career. Many people have overlooked him or have told him he can’t play baseball. But that hasn’t stopped him and has helped him connect with others who feel they are against the odds or treated differently than others. “My one desire is to give life back to people. But I know it’s not only important to be there for Parker but to encourage the parents, too, as it’s hard for them to see their child in pain. The parents have to provide a sense of security when that may be really difficult for them,” says Isaac. Isaac hopes he can continue to visit Parker in the hospital.

## **What is something you wish someone would have told you before you started college?**

I would encourage students to be open to all people, from all walks of life. So much of the time we have a set group of friends or colleagues and that is where we stay. But I would advise people to find opportunities to be flexible with their time and original friends and to branch out to others.”





# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## FEATURE PROGRAMS

On Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, Resident Assistants hosted a social event that was one to remember- Bingo Night! Students living in Maverick Village had the chance to win prizes from mac 'n cheese to paper towels.

In addition to regular bingo, the 40 participants played a blackout round of 'Human Bingo', an icebreaker used to introduce students to each other.

Be on the lookout for more great events this semester!

## GET INVOLVED

University Village Hall Council and Maverick Village Hall Council meetings are open to all UV and MV students, not just hall council officers. Hall council meetings are for planning upcoming programs and events, and discussing any concerns students living on campus may have about their housing experience. UVRHC and MV RHC are the voice of the students living on campus. These positions are a great way for students to add experience to their resume, develop leadership skills, and help build a community with other students.

Please consider joining hall council this semester!

### University Village Hall Council Weekly Meetings

Mondays | 7:00 pm | UV Clubhouse

### Maverick Village Hall Council Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays | 7:00 pm | MV Clubhouse

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### Maverick Village

#### *Eating Healthy on a Budget*

February 11<sup>th</sup> | 6 PM

Maverick Village Clubhouse

#### *Marti Gras Celebration*

February 16<sup>th</sup> | 6 PM

Maverick Village Clubhouse

### University Village

#### *How well do you Know your Roommate?*

February 10<sup>th</sup> | 7 PM

University Village Clubhouse

#### *A Crush for your Crush*

February 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

University Village Clubhouse

Stop by the UV front desk and get a crush soda to be delivered to your crush here at University Village! All proceeds go to Relay for Life-

suggested donation \$1.

# TEDx UNO

**x = independently organized TED event**

## UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

### TEDxUNO

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 | 12 pm–6 pm**

**Strauss Performing Arts Center & Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center**

UNO will be hosting its very first TEDx event, TEDxUNO! TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together, and this event will spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. TEDxUNO is open to UNO students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. TEDxUNO speakers will discuss how they define community personally, locally, nationally, and globally and what we can do to better our own communities as we define them ourselves.

For speaker information, registration or other details, please visit [www.unomaha.edu/tedxuno](http://www.unomaha.edu/tedxuno)

### UNO HOUSING SHOWCASE

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 | 11 am–3 pm**

Looking to tour the housing facilities UNO has to offer? Stop in the Scott Conference Center for the UNO Housing Showcase and see any of the five residence halls on campus. Registration is not required. This event is open to both the UNO community and the public.

### ADDITIONAL EVENTS

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

*An Evening with Sybrina Fulton:  
Mother of Trayvon Martin*

7 PM | MBSC Ballroom

reserve your ticket at

[mavsync.unomaha.edu/  
sybrinafulton](http://mavsync.unomaha.edu/sybrinafulton)

**Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Basketball Bash*

5 PM–7PM | Godfather's (Aksarben)

Come enjoy free UNO giveaways and a live DJ before heading to the Ralston Arena for the last home game. A free buffet is available for UNO students with their MavCARD, and the first 500 get a UNO beanie! The shuttle will leave at 6:30p.m. and drop off at Scott Village after the game

*Men's Basketball vs. Oral Roberts*

7 PM | Ralston Arena



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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# JESSICA SCHAAF

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Year: Freshman

Major: Business Management

Village: University Village

Ultimate post-college career goal: Singer, Marines, or owning a practice to help individuals with PTSD.

Building: 5

Hometown: Broken Bow, NE

## **Why did you choose to come to UNO?**

Jessica has a strong desire to join the Marines and considered joining after graduating high school. When asked, why the Marines, Jessica replied, "The Marines have always stood out to me. The training prepares you physically, mentally, and emotionally. I feel like if a person can make it through the training, they deserve to be a Marine." Jessica also described the military as being a place where one person can truly make a difference. Jessica may still join the military, but her parents really wanted her to obtain a four year college degree first. She decided to attend UNO. Jessica was eager for a change of scenery and to come to the city of Omaha. Jessica explains, "All my friends from high school were going to UNL. I wanted the chance to grow on my own."

## **Why did you choose to live on campus?**

The distance from UNO to her hometown played a part in her decision to campus and also the influence of her parents. "My parents really encouraged me to live on campus," Jessica notes.

## **What has been the best part about living on campus for you?**

"I really like my roommates and my RA – they are some of my favorite people I have met in my whole life. They are my best friends!"

## **Who has had the biggest influence on your college career so far?**

Jessica credits Jennifer Forbes-Baily, advisor for the College of Business Administration, as having the biggest influence on her college career so far. Jessica says, "She knows everything. She knows all the classes I need to take, knows the number of each class, and even knows the class schedule without having to look it up." Jessica credits Jennifer to helping her sign up for the right classes.

## **What is something you wish someone would have told you before you started college?**

"It's not always about the classes," Jessica says, "you have to remember that the effort you are putting in is enough or it is really easy to get burnt out on school."



**Ani Rodgers**

Residence Hall Director, University Village

To submit a question to Ask Ani, email [arodgers@unomaha.edu](mailto:arodgers@unomaha.edu) with "Ask Ani" as the subject. All questions will remain anonymous.

# ASK ANI

Dear Ani,

The new semester is here and I want to be sure I do better this time around. Any tips to help with school and grades?

Thank you,

Scared for the Semester

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## ANI'S ADVICE

Dear Scared for the Semester,

First, I think it's great to hear that you want to do better in school! As Maya Angelou said, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Sounds like you're on the right path!

My tips for academic success are easy:

#1. Make a schedule and **STICK TO IT!** If you study best in the morning, schedule a time for yourself in the library or in the clubhouse study room every morning at the same time. Before you know it, it will become a habit and study time will be easier to stick to!

#2. Take advantage of **UNO!** You're here at a great university – **USE IT!** Nowhere else are you going to find a library full of books pertaining to your classes, people dedicated to helping you with classes, and other students who may have the same questions you have and can work with you to solve them. Go to office hours, look for a tutor, and talk to your advisor. You're paying for your education – make it count!

#3. Relax! Sometimes your brain needs a break. Go to one of the weekly programs in University or Maverick Village, get a snack in MBSC or work out in HPER. Grab a friend and see a movie! Take a little time to decompress before hitting the books again and you will be fresh and ready to ace your tests!



# MAINTENANCE UPDATE

University Housing has added new lounge furniture to both UV and MV clubhouses. Please come enjoy these for watching TV, studying, or just hanging out. Blu Ray players are available in each building and extra HDMI cables to hook up laptops or gaming systems. Please do not tamper with the wire in the back of the TV's. Remotes are available to check out at the front desks.

Just a reminder, if you have issues with any washers or dryers, UNO Housing Maintenance does not work on those. Please submit a work order for laundry issues at [asicampuslaundry.com](http://asicampuslaundry.com). If you have any other issues with your room, please submit a work order via the UNO website. If it is an emergency (flood, broken window, etc.), please come to the front desk or call the RA on duty.

As always, if you have any suggestions for improvements around our facilities please send them my way. Thanks and have a great semester!



**Ryan Schmit**

Maintenance Manager, University Housing

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# HEALTH & SAFETY CHECKS

University Housing policy encourages residents to maintain a clean and healthy living space. Several times a year, University Housing staff performs Health and Safety Checks on all student apartments. Students are given 24 hours notice prior to University Housing staff entering their apartments for these checks and are asked to be sure their apartment common rooms, bathrooms, and bedrooms are clean and in a safe and healthy condition.

University Housing staff will leave a notification for each apartment informing students of any issues or concerns and the date that staff will return to ensure any concerns are resolved.

Spring 2015 Health and Safety Checks will take place

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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# MADDIE SHEHAN

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Year: Sophomore

Major: Biology, Pre-Med

Village: Maverick Village

Ultimate post-college career goal: Medical doctor  
or professor, conducting research

Building: M

Hometown: Omaha, NE

## **Why did you choose to come to UNO?**

Maddie considered Creighton when she was searching for a university, but decided on UNO because of its affordability. Maddie knew she wanted to be close to home to be connected to her family, especially her sisters.

## **Why did you choose to live on campus?**

"I wanted to live on campus to be independent," says Maddie. She also had a desire to meet people and be a part of the on-campus atmosphere.

## **Other than class, how do you spend your time here at UNO?**

Maddie recently applied and was awarded a Fund for Undergraduate Scholarly Experiences (FUSE) grant. FUSE grants support faculty-mentored undergraduate student research and creative activity. Maddie was awarded the full \$2,500 grant. With the support of Dr. Jeremy White from the Biology Department, Maddie explains, "I will be focused on using acoustics or ultrasonic detection to identify migratory waves of tree bats. With the increase in wind energy use in recent years, numbers of bat fatalities have increased as a result – the bats fly into the wind turbines. If we are able to use acoustic detection to identify the echolocation patterns of bat species during migration, it will help us to know when bats are migrating through a specific area, aiding in conservation efforts."

When Maddie is not focused on her research, class, or spending time in the library, she serves as the vice president of the Fencing Club. The club has been active on and off in the last couple of years. Maddie and a group of her friends brought the club back this year. On top of that, Maddie also volunteers at the Medical Center in the Emergency Room transporting patients, cleaning rooms, and assisting where needed.

## **Who has had the biggest influence on your college career so far?**

Maddie believes Dr. White has had the biggest influence on her college career so far. Dr. White had the idea of Maddie applying for the FUSE grant to support her research. "He encourages my scientific writing," Maddie shares. "He has also helped me open my eyes to options other than medical school."

Maddie also points out that her friends have a big impact on her college experience.

## **What is something you wish someone would have told you before you started college?**

Maddie laughs, "That you'll use APA style A LOT! I did a lot of creative writing in school, and I'm just not very good at that. I wish I had more opportunities for scientific writing prior to college."

# HOUSING PAYMENT INFORMATION

## CENTRALIZED BILLING

The University of Nebraska Omaha has a centralized billing system. You can access your bill via your MavLINK account or a parent may be set up as guest to their account. Any charges incurred for tuition and fees and University Housing will appear on one statement. All other billing such as lock outs, damages, recores & other charges will be billed directly from housing to the student and will NOT be on MavLINK.

Payments made for University Housing are applied to tuition and fees first on the centralized bill. Unpaid bills are subject to late fees.

If you are awarded scholarships & financial aid it will be credited to your UNO Student Account and will be applied against your tuition, fees and housing. This is dispersed once in the Fall and once in the Spring.

- Important to know that all scholarships and financial aid that is applied to MavLINK goes towards tuition and fees first and then is applied to housing.
- Make sure you are checking your MavLINK regularly especially if you are on a monthly payment plan.

For questions related to charges or payments towards your housing on your centralized bill please contact Denise at 402.554.6605.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to cancel your contract please email [unohousing@unomaha.edu](mailto:unohousing@unomaha.edu) with a request to cancel your contract. Please make sure you read the housing cancellation policy first. You can find the housing cancellation policy on the housing website.

What if I need to cancel my residency, but it's after August 1<sup>st</sup>?

1. You would forfeit your \$200 deposit for the administrative cancellation fee.
2. You would be billed 50% of remaining balance of contract (based on the payment plan you selected and the day you cancel).

## HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT

1. via MavLINK with credit/debit cards.
2. by mail with personal check or money order.  
Payments should be mailed to:

University Housing  
Attn: Business Manager  
6608 University Drive South  
Omaha, NE 68182

3. in person with check, cash, credit/debit card or money order (do not send cash through the mail).

Payments can be made at Maverick Village or University Village front desk located in the clubhouse at each location or can be made at Cashiering/Student Accounts located in the Eppler Administration Building.

Please make sure to write the student's NU ID on all correspondence. Make checks payable to "University of Nebraska Omaha."

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Any student removed from campus housing for student conduct reasons will still be held liable for the terms of their contract.

Violating student conduct policies does not provide students the ability to end their housing contract. Students looking to end their housing contract forfeit their \$200 deposit for the administrative cancellation fee.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please make sure you are checking your MavLINK account. There are many residents that assume financial aid, scholarships, or loans covered housing costs, when in fact they still may owe something on their balance. It is important to check, even if you assume it has been paid. It is not our responsibility to track you down. You can check your own balance at any time.



# HEALTH REMINDERS

The UNO Wellness Center is reminding everyone the importance of washing your hands. Handwashing has been shown to prevent a variety of diseases and is one of the most important ways to protect oneself and others from infections. With 15,000 students at UNO, bacteria and germs can easily spread and get many people sick. Help keep University Housing and UNO healthy by washing hands with soap and clean water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol to clean hands.

For more information, go to **[healthservices.unomaha.edu](http://healthservices.unomaha.edu)**





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